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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Two Federal Buildings Damaged During Protest

(U) At least two federal buildings, including a courthouse in downtown Los Angeles were damaged Saturday night as hundreds of protesters marched through downtown while police used less-lethal rounds on a small group that smashed windows. The Los Angeles Police Department issued a citywide alert around 7 p.m. on Saturday due to the protests and the alert remained in effect for the downtown area through the morning. In a statement, LAPD said Saturday's march was interrupted after 5:30 p.m. when a group "inside a large crowd of protestors" attacked police officers who were following the demonstration. The group of people eventually ended up on a busy freeway according to the LAPD and four officers and three protesters were treated for minor injuries. Three people were arrested for battery on a police officer and one person who had a machete was arrested for causing a disturbance.

SOURCE: 25 July 2020, [Courthouse News Service](#)

(U) Sacramento – Two More California State Prisoners Dead from COVID-19

(U) Inmates from San Quentin and Avenal State Prisons both died while at outside hospitals, according to a statement from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). The state prison system has experienced more than 7,500 COVID-19 cases amongst inmates, with 44 inmates having died from COVID-19. Nearly 900 CDCR employees have COVID-19.

SOURCE: 25 July 2020, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) San Francisco – Armenian School & Community Center Vandalized with Hateful Graffiti

(U) San Francisco's KZV Armenian School and the adjacent Armenian community center were vandalized with hateful graffiti on 24 July. The messages contained curse words and appeared to be connected to increased tensions between Azerbaijan and Armenia over a recent border dispute that has led to confrontations in the United States. Earlier this week, one person was arrested and several people were injured after protests turned violent outside the Azerbaijan Consulate in Los Angeles.

SOURCE: 25 July 2020, [San Francisco Chronicle](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Hundreds of Pounds of Methamphetamine and Fentanyl Seized

(U) Otay Mesa – More than 300-pounds of methamphetamine and fentanyl were found stashed in the sleeper cab of a tractor-trailer truck as it tried to cross from Mexico into San Diego, authorities said. Officers found two black duffel bags, stuffed with 64 cellophane-wrapped bundles. The packages contained 286-pounds of methamphetamine and 26-pounds of fentanyl, according to CBP. The driver, a 36-year-old Mexican man with a valid border-crossing card, was arrested. "Even in the midst of a global pandemic, we continue to see attempts to move hard narcotics across the border and into US communities," said Pete Flores, director of field operations for CBP in San Diego.

SOURCE: 25 July 2020, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

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(U) NATIONAL

(U) Texas – Man Said to be Armed Killed After Approaching Driver at Protest

(U) Austin – A driver was detained after he allegedly shot and killed a man after driving through a protest in downtown Austin on Saturday evening, police said. According to multiple witnesses, the incident began when the driver honked at protesters, then sped down Congress Avenue and drove through the crowd, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The driver then appeared to hit an orange barrier and come to a stop. Multiple armed protesters approached the car, at which point the driver fired several shots before speeding away, witnesses said. They added that several of the protesters returned fire as the driver made his escape, with police confirming at least three people opened fire. Garrett Foster, 28, was shot and killed.

SOURCE: 26 July 2020, [FOX News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Woman Accused of Joining ISIS Arrested on Return to Germany

(U) Berlin – A German woman who allegedly joined the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in Syria was arrested upon her return to the country. She is accused of membership in a foreign terrorist group, war crimes against property, and other crimes. She traveled with her then 4-year-old daughter to Syria in 2015 to join ISIS. The woman allegedly raised her children according to ISIS ideology and in return she received a monthly payment from the extremist group and lived successively in five different apartments whose former tenants were either killed or evicted.

SOURCE: 27 July 2020, [AP](#)

(U) Lebanon – Hizballah Says All-Out War with Israel Unlikely in Coming Months

(U) Beirut – The deputy leader of Lebanon's powerful Hizballah movement, on 26 July, dismissed the prospect of an escalation of violence between the Iran-backed movement and Israel despite increased tensions in the last week. Tensions rose along Israel's frontier with Syria and Lebanon after Lebanon's Hizballah militia said a fighter was killed in an apparent Israeli strike on the edge of Damascus last week.

SOURCE: 26 July 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Singapore – Chinese Agent Admits Using LinkedIn to Hunt for US Targets

(U) Singapore – Dickson Yeo, a Singaporean PhD student, was recruited by Chinese intelligence agents to build out a professional social network and collect intelligences focused on the US Department of Commerce, artificial intelligence (AI), and the Sino-US trade war. Yeo made his contacts using LinkedIn, which has former US government, military employees, and contractors that publicly post details of their resume history for future employers to peruse. In 2017, Germany's intelligence agency said Chinese agents had used LinkedIn to target at least 10,000 Germans.

SOURCE: 26 July 2020, [BBC](#)

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